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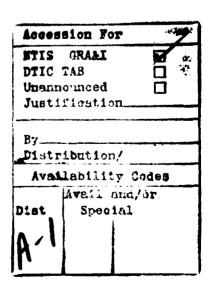
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19. ABSTRACT (continued)

The M373A2 Electronic Van Semitrailer has four slinging provisions. Five of the slinging points were loaded vertically upward to 18,500 pounds. The load was applied for a period of not less than 90 seconds. All tested provisions remained intact. Tiedown provisions pull tests consisted of applying a forward and aft tension of 14,000 pounds and a downward pull of 7,140 pounds. Each load was applied for a minimum of 9 seconds.

The M373A2 Electronic Van Semitrailer passed the rail impact and the pull tests of the tiedown and slinging provisions. An exception was taken to the style of tiedown and slinging provisions in that they do not follow the guidelines of MIL-STD-209G.





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GENERAL

A. INTRODUCTION.

The U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center and School (USADACS) was requested by U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command (TACOM) to test the M373A2 Electronic Van Semitrailer using the requirements of the American Association of Railroads (AAR) for rail shipment and to test the slinging and tiedown provisions using Military Standard 209G, Slinging and Tiedown Provisions for Lifting and Tying Down Military Equipment (MIL-STD-209G). The tiedown procedure used to secure the semitrailer to the flatcar was supplied by TACOM.

B. AUTHORITY.

This test was conducted in accordance with mission responsibilities delegated by U.S. Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command (AMCCOM), Rock Island, IL. Reference is made to Change 4, 4 October 1974; to AR-740-1, 23 April 1971, Storage and Supply Operations; and, AMCCOM-R 10-17, 13 January 1986, Mission and Major Functions of USADACS.

C. OBJECTIVE.

The objective of these tests was to determine if the M373A2 Electronic Van Semitrailer would satisfy the AAR rail transportation requirements and MIL-STD-209G provisions for pull tests.

D. CONCLUSIONS.

- 1. The M373A2 Electronic Van Semitrailer satisfied the AAR and MIL-STD-209G test requirements. An exception was taken to the style and placement of slinging and tiedown provisions in that they do not conform to the guidelines of MIL-STD-209G.
- 2. The present location of the tiedown provisions, recessed under the semitrailer, was not designed to aid in attaching 1/2-inch tiedowns between the semitrailer and flatcar pockets. The tiedowns presented a rectangular area for attachment which precluded the use of cable thimbles. Also, this type of tiedown attachment does not conform to the guidelines of MIL-STD-209G.

E. RECOMMENDATIONS.

It is recommended that the M373A2 Electronic Van Semitrailer be approved for rail transportation in accordance with the supplied tiedown procedure.

M373A2 6-TON ELECTRONIC VAN SEMITRAILER RAIL IMPACT AND TIEDOWN TESTS

8-10 AUGUST 1989

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TEST PROCEDURES

A. RAIL IMPACT TEST.

The test load or vehicle should be positioned in/on a railcar. For containers, the loaded container shall be positioned on a container chassis and securely locked in place using the twist locks at each corner. The container chassis shall be secured to a railcar. Equipment needed to perform the test includes the specimen (hammer) car, five empty railcars connected together to serve as the anvil, and a railroad locomotive. These anvil cars are positioned on a level section of track with air and hand brakes set and with the draft gear compressed. The locomotive unit pulls the specimen car several hundred yards away from the anvil cars, then pushes the specimen car toward the anvil at a predetermined speed, and disconnects from the specimen car about 50 yards away from the anvil cars allowing the specimen car to roll freely along the track until it strikes the anvil. This constitutes an impact. Impacting is accomplished at speeds of 4, 6, and 8 mph in one direction and at a speed of 8 mph in the opposite direction. The 4 and 6 mph impact speeds are approximate; the 8 mph speed is a minimum. Impact speeds are to be determined by using an electronic counter to measure the time required for the specimen car to traverse an 11-foot distance immediately prior to contact with the anvil cars.

B. SECURING PROVISION TESTS.

The securing provision tests were extracted from MIL-STD-209G as follows:

1. Tiedown provisions. The tiedown provision tests are based on paragraphs 5.1.2 (Class 2 Tiedown Provisions) and 5.5.3 (Tiedown Provisions). Class 2 provisions shall withstand 4.0 times the Maximum Shipping Weight (MSW) in the forward and aft direction of the longitudinal axis of the equipment, 2.0 times the MSW in the downward direction of the vertical axis, and

- 1.5 times the MSW in each direction of the lateral axis. The force applied to each provision shall be its proportionate share of the MSW. Each load shall be maintained for a period of not less than 9 seconds. A suitable measuring device (dynamometer or load cell) shall be placed between the provision and the applied force.
- 2. Slinging provisions. The basis for the slinging tests are paragraphs 5.1.1.2 (for equipment with the MSW of 25,000 pounds or more) and 5.2.2 (Slinging Provisions). The MSW of the XM1063 ASL Van is 40,000 pounds. A design load of 2.3 times the working load of each provision is required. The test load is applied to the lifting provision for a period of 90 seconds. A suitable measuring device (dynamometers or load cell) shall be placed between the provision and the applied force.

TEST RESULTS

A. RAIL IMPACT TEST.

DATE: 10 August 1989

TEST SPECIMEN: M373A2 SEMITRAILER ON FLATCAR

TEST FLATCAR NO: BN 606791

LT. WT.:

51,500 pounds

LADING & DUNNAGE

WT.:

21,400 pounds

TOTAL SPECIMEN WT.:

72,900 pounds

BUFFER CAR (5 CARS) WT.:

250,000 pounds

IMPACT NO.	END STRUCK	VELOCITY	REMARKS
1	Forward	4.93 mph	Forward tiedown ring cracked.
2	Forward	6.85 mph	Forward tiedown ring separated.
3	Forward	8.71 mph	Both tiedown rings cracked. Separation increased.
4	Reverse	8.81 mph	Load shifted and end cleats popped out at stanchion.

TEST RESULTS

B. STATIC PULL TESTS.

1. Tiedown Provisions.

MSW = 40,000 pounds

Number of Provisions = 10

Provision Load Share = 4,000 pounds

DIRECTION	TEST FACTOR	APPLIED LOAD
Longitudinal	4.0	16,000 pounds
Vertical Down	2.0	8,000 pounds
Lateral	1.5	6,000 pounds

Longitudinal and lateral loads were applied to all provisions. Vertical loads were not applied to the provisions above the rear trailer wheels. All loads remained applied for six seconds or longer. No damage on any provisions was observed.

2. Slinging Provisions.

MSW = 40,000 pounds

Number of Provisions = 4

Provision Load Share = 10,000 pounds

DIRECTION	TEST FACTOR	APPLIED LOAD
Vertical	2.3	23,000 pounds

The XM1063 ASL 102-Inch-Wide Semitrailer has six slinging provisions. In normal slinging situations only four are used. Vertical loading was applied to all slinging provisions.

MIL-STD-209G requires a load factor of 3.2 to be applied at an angle of 45 degrees to the provision. This test was not accomplished due to the lack of equipment heavy enough to achieve the required load.

RESULTS FROM RAIL IMPACT TESTING OF M373A2 SEMITRAILER ON FLATCAR DATE: 10 AUGUST 1989

TAPE CHANNEL 1: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON SILL

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE <u>G'S</u>	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA <u>G'S-SECONDS</u>
IMPACT 1	4.93	1.04	32.25	.0257
IMPACT 2	6.85	1.63	44.45	.0413
IMPACT 3	8.71	2.27	53.53	.0747
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.81	-2.15	36.61	.0607

TAPE CHANNEL 2: VERTICAL ACCELERATION ON SILL

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE <u>G'S</u>	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.93	.40	18.58	.0043
IMPACT 2	6.85	.73	34.44	.0146
IMPACT 3	8.71	1.12	51.35	.0259
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.81	.47	31.02	.0091

TAPE CHANNEL 3: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION RIGHTSIDE OF 5TH WHEEL

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE <u>G'S</u>	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA <u>G'S-SECONDS</u>
IMPACT 1	4.93	5.66	****	****
IMPACT 2	6.85	-14.70	65.36	.6060
IMPACT 3	8.71	-18.34	63.62	.6727
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.81	5.05	141.25	.4688

TAPE CHANNEL 4: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON LEFTSIDE 5TH WHEEL

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.93	1.22	116.26	.1040
IMPACT 2	6.85	1.69	48.62	.0563
IMPACT 3	8.71	2.56	51.51	.0892
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.81	-1.67	73.06	.0931

TAPE CHANNEL 5: RAIL COUPLER FORCE

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE POUNDS	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA POUNDS-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.93	135841.38	324.50	11601.10
IMPACT 2	6.85	148798.23	64.74	6197.57
IMPACT 3	8.71	175300.83	69.46	9144.14
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.81	212675.33	69.98	11250.30

TAPE CHANNEL 6: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON LEFT SIDE FRAME (FRONT)

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE <u>G'S</u>	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.93	1.25	124.20	.0988
IMPACT 2	6.85	.44	45.03	.0114
IMPACT 3	8.71	.51	31.42	.0101
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.81	45	44.02	.0125

TAPE CHANNEL 7: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON LEFT SIDE FRAME (MIDDLE)

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE <u>G'S</u>	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.93	1.10	85.07	.0711
IMPACT 2	6.85	1.60	46.33	.0480
IMPACT 3	8.71	2.25	44.39	.0628
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.81	-1.48	67.69	.0761

TAPE CHANNEL 8: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON TRAILER REAR

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.93	1.13	185.20	.0692
IMPACT 2	6.85	1.62	44.63	.0466
IMPACT 3	8.71	2.29	43.11	.0653
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.81	-1.46	73.19	.0827

NOTES:

*****: DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

TEST RESULTS

A. RAIL IMPACT TEST.

DATE: 19 September 1989

TEST SPECIMEN: M373A2 SEMITRAILER ON FLATCAR

TEST FLATCAR NO: BN 606769 LT. WT.: 56,800 pounds

LADING & DUNNAGE WT.: 21,400 pounds

TOTAL SPECIMEN WT.: 78,200 pounds

BUFFER CAR (5 CARS) WT.: 250,000 pounds

IMPACT NO. **END STRUCK** VELOCITY **REMARKS** 1 Semitrailer moved forward 1/4 inch Forward 4.95 mph on stanchion. 2 Semitrailer shifted right 1/2 inch. **Forward** 6.12 mph **Forward** 3 8.09 mph No movement on stanchion. No movement or damage to the 4 Reverse 8.15 mph semitrailer, load or tie-downs.

RESULTS FROM THE RAIL IMPACT TEST OF ELECTRONIC VAN ON FLATCAR DATE: 19 SEPTEMBER 1989

TAPE CHANNEL 1: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON SILL

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE <u>G'S</u>	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA <u>G'S-SECONDS</u>
IMPACT 1	4.95	-2.22	26.30	.0400
IMPACT 2	6.12	-2.39	58.93	.0918
IMPACT 3	8.09	-3.47	53.13	.1152
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	3.12	34.76	.0726

TAPE CHANNEL 2: VERTICAL ACCELERATION ON SILL

TEST	SPEED	PEAK VALUE	DURATION	AREA
	MPH	<u>G'S</u>	MILLISECONDS	G'S-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.95	32	24.78	.0059
IMPACT 2	6.12	50	72.42	.0089
IMPACT 3	8.09	56	44.93	.0153
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	84	28.04	.0175

TAPE CHANNEL 3: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON RIGHT SIDE OF 5TH WHEEL

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.95	-1.65	138.48	.1677
IMPACT 2	6.12	-2.24	62.97	.0877
IMPACT 3	8.09	-2.31	77.59	.1284
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	2.67	126.44	.2637

TAPE CHANNEL 4: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION LEFT SIDE FRAME FRONT

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA G'S-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.95	-1.54	221.66	.1979
IMPACT 2	6.12	-2.06	70.20	.0903
IMPACT 3	8.09	-1.79	72.93	.0942
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	2.54	119.97	.2452

TAPE CHANNEL 5: RAIL COUPLER FORCE

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE POUNDS	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA POUNDS-SECONDS
IMPACT 1	4.95	137492.41	565.68	14452.45
IMPACT 2	6.12	160413.13	91.69	8810.87
IMPACT 3	8.09	186767.58	78.75	10083.52
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	228425.61	61.34	10558.46

TAPE CHANNEL 6: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON LEFT SIDE 5TH WHEEL

TEST	SPEED	PEAK VALUE	DURATION	AREA
	MPH	G'S	MILLISECONDS	<u>G'S-SECONDS</u>
IMPACT 1	4.95	-1.61	154.70	.1362
IMPACT 2	6.12	-2.23	65.13	.0908
IMPACT 3	8.09	-1.12	465.40	.2176
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	2.47	145.66	.2105

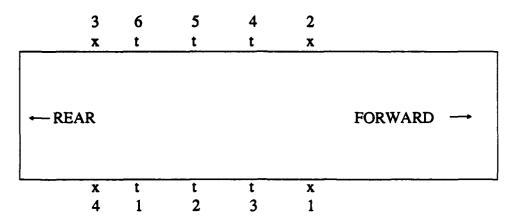
TAPE CHANNEL 7: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON LEFT SIDE FRAME MIDDLE

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE <u>G'S</u>	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA <u>G'S-SECONDS</u>
IMPACT 1	4.95	-1.66	325.79	.1936
IMPACT 2	6.12	-2.25	68.35	.0939
IMPACT 3	8.09	-2.17	77.84	.1242
IMPACT 4 (REVERSE)	8.15	2.65	111.98	.2119

TAPE CHANNEL 8: LONGITUDINAL ACCELERATION ON REAR OF TRAILER

TEST	SPEED MPH	PEAK VALUE G'S	DURATION MILLISECONDS	AREA <u>G'S-SECONDS</u>
IMPACT 1	4.95	-1.57	303.15	.1939
IMPACT 2	6.12	-2.14	91.80	.0967
IMPACT 3	8.09	-2.08	100.44	.1553
IMPACT 4 (RE√ERSE)	8.15	2.58	198.53	.1940

RESULTS OF PULL TESTS



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t=tiedown provision

SLINGING PROVISION TEST RESULTS

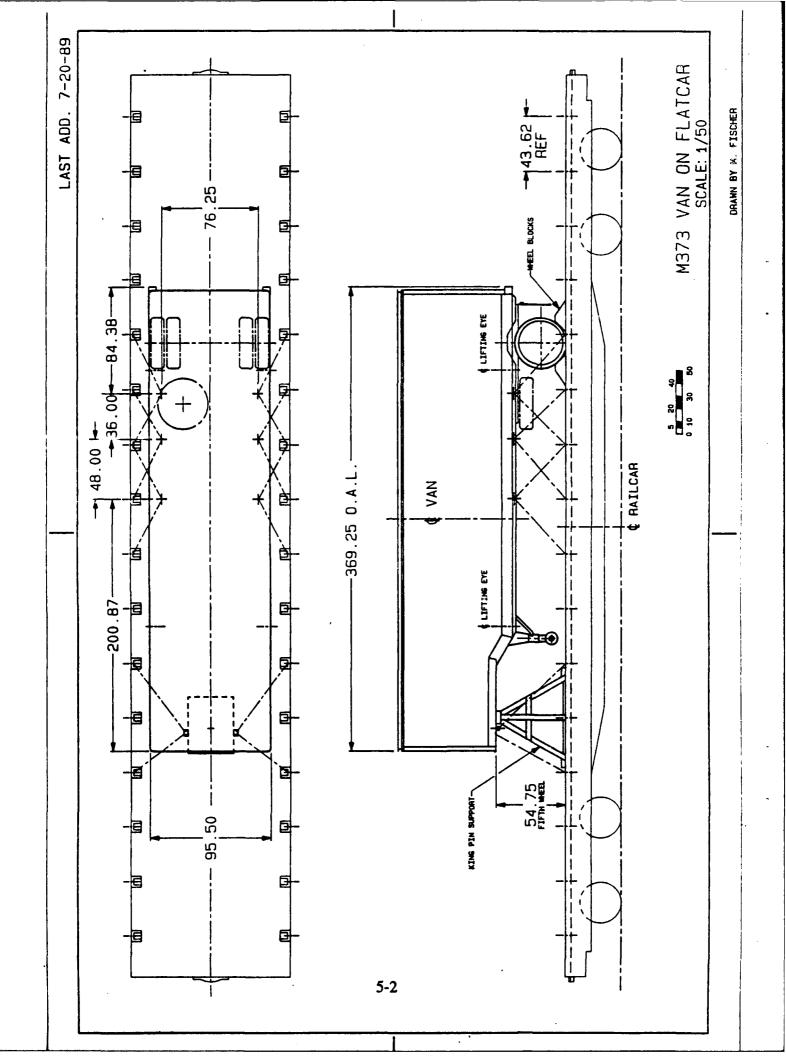
Provision	Pull
1	18,000
2	16,500
3	19,200
4	19.000

TIEDOWN PROVISION TEST RESULTS

Provision	Lateral	Vertical	Longitudinal Forward	Longitudinal Rear
			Polwaid	Real
1	12,000	8,000	15,000	14,000
2	11,000	8,000	15,300	14,500
3	12,000	7,500	15,500	15,000
4	12,000	8,000	12,500	15,000
5	10,500	7,500	15,000	15,000
6	12,000	8,000	15,000	15,000

NOTE: All loads are measured in pounds.

TIEDOWN PROCEDURE

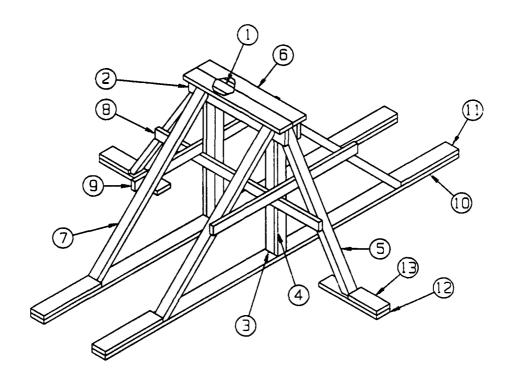


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M373A2 6-TON ELECTRONIC VAN TRAILER



STANCHION TYPE IX

SAFE WORKING LOAD - 13,000 LBS (CONCENTRATED ON CAP (6) AT 2 POINTS, DIRECTLY ABOVE A VERTICAL LEG (3)).

4,200 LBS (DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY ON CAP (6)).

2,100 LBS (CONCENTRATED ON CAP (6) AT ONE POINT CENTERED BETWEEN LEGS (3)).

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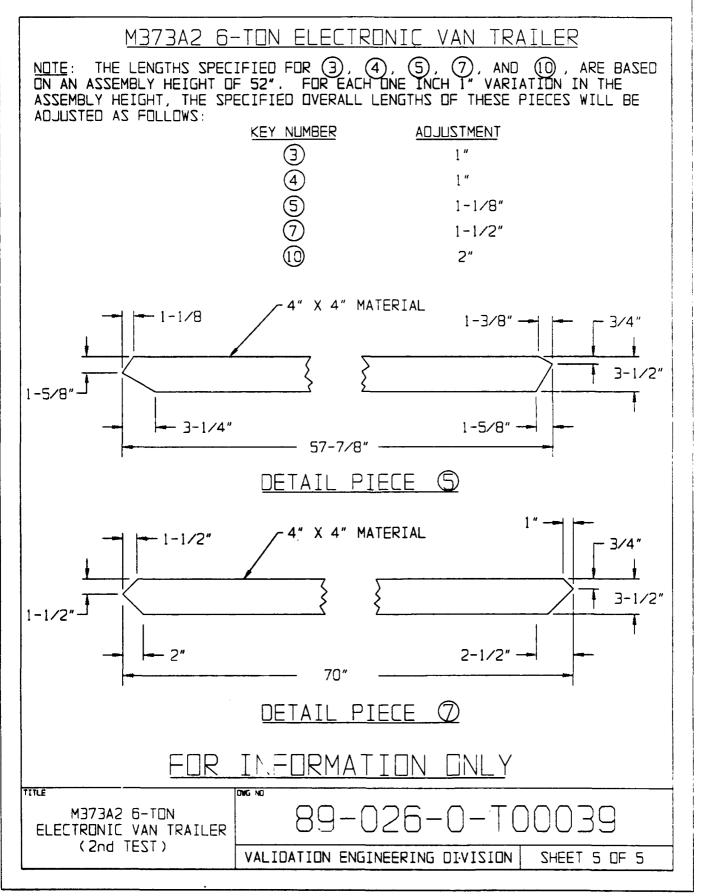
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M373A2 6-TON ELECTRONIC VAN TRAILER

KEY NUMBERS

- (1) 4" X 4" X 28" (1 REDD).
- 2 2" X 6" X 40" (2 REDD). NAIL TO 1 W/4-12d NAILS. NAIL TO 3 AND 5 W/2-12d NAILS EACH.
- 3 4" X 4" X 45-1/2" (2 REQD). TOENAIL TO 1 AND 10 W/4-16d NAILS EACH END.
- 4 2" X 4" X 49" (2 REDD). NAIL TO 1 W/2-12d NAILS AND TO 3 W/5-12d NAILS.
- (1) THRU (10) > HAS BEEN LOCATED ON CAR AND (12) HAS BEEN NAILED TO CAR FLOOR.
- 6 2" X 5" X 40" (2 REQD). NAIL TO () AND (2) W/5-12d NAILS EACH AND TO (5) AND (7) W/2-12d NAILS EACH JOINT.
- 7 4" X 4 X 70" (4 REDD). DOUBLE BEVEL EACH END. SEE "DETAIL PIECE 7" ON SHEET 5 FOR BEVEL CUTS REQUIRED. TOENAIL TO 2 W/4-16d NAILS. TOENAIL TO 0 W/3-16d NAILS BEFORE ASSEMBLY (1) THRU 10) HAS BEEN LOCATED UNDER ITEM AND 10 HAS BEEN NAILED TO CAR FLOOR.
- 8 2" X 4" X 68" (1 REDD). NAIL TO 3 AND 5 W/3-12d NAILS EACH JOINT.
- 9 2" X 4" X 60" (2 REQD). NAIL TO 4 AND 7 W/3-12d NAILS EACH JOINT.

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M373A2 6-TON ELECTRONIC VAN TRAILER

KEY NUMBERS

- 10 2" X 6" X 12'-3" (2 REDD). NAIL TO CAR FLOOR W/1-30d NAIL EVERY 8".
- (1) 2" X 6" X 24" (4 REDD). POSITION AGAINST (7) AND NAIL TO (10) W/5-30d NAILS.
- (12) 2" X 6" X 24" (2 REQD). NAIL TO CAR FLOOR W/5-30d NAILS.
- 13 2" X 6" X 12" (2 REDD). POSITION AGAINST \bigcirc AND NAIL TO \bigcirc W/4-30d NAILS.

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(2nd TEST)

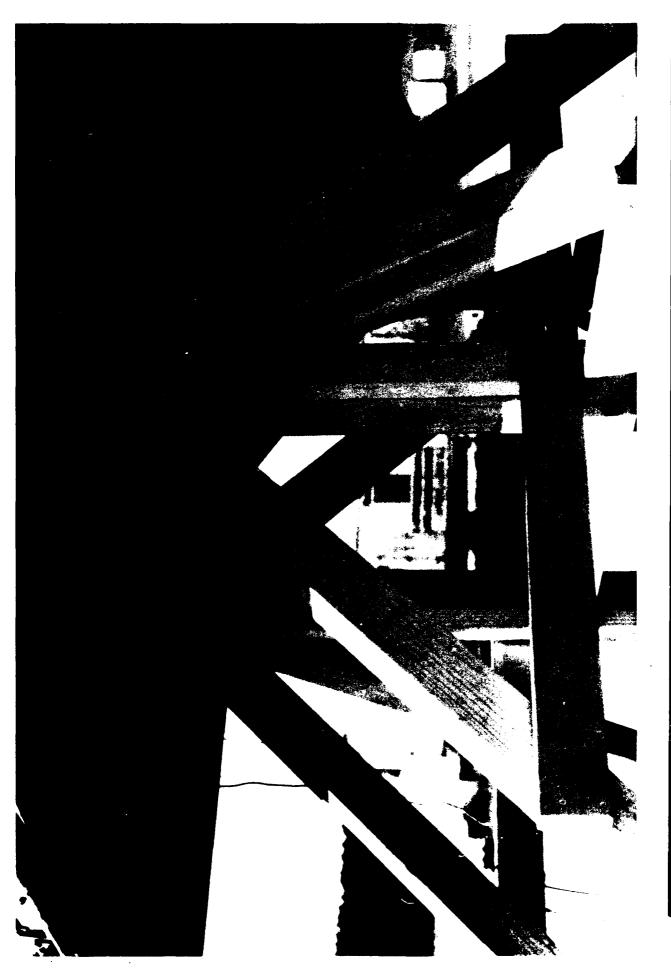
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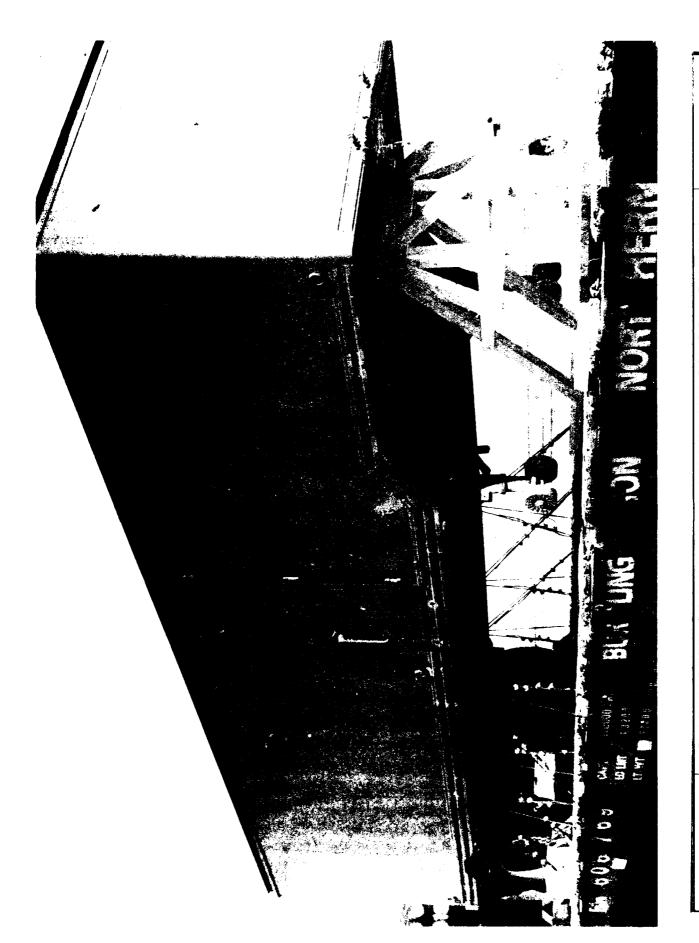
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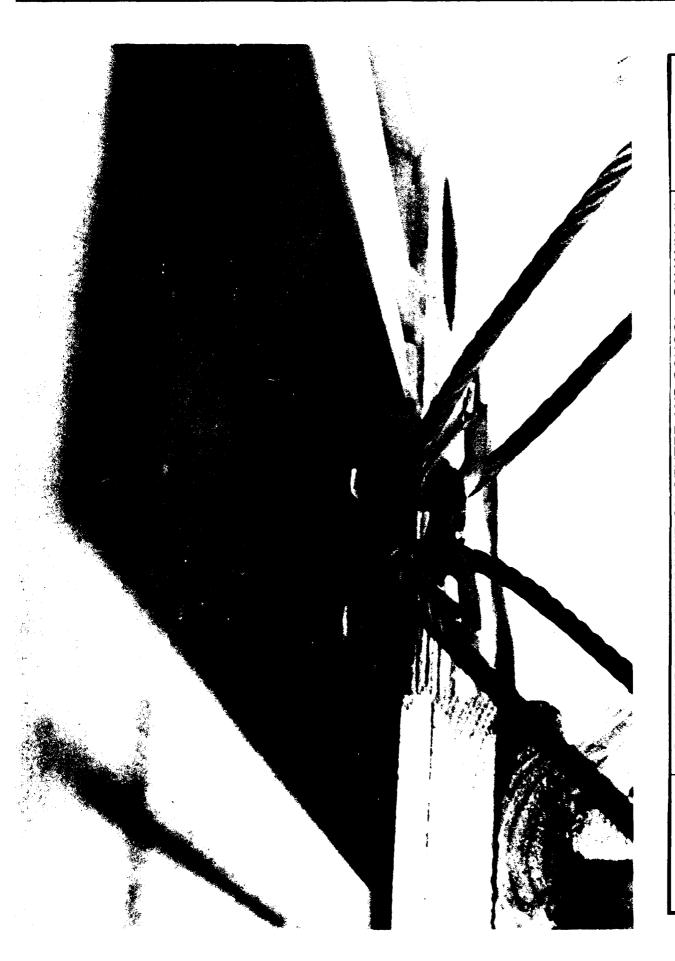
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Photo No. A0317-SPN-89-5332-12. This photo shows the M373A2 Electronic Van Semitrailer resting on the transportation stanchion. The forward tiedown provisions were not used in the second set of impact tests.



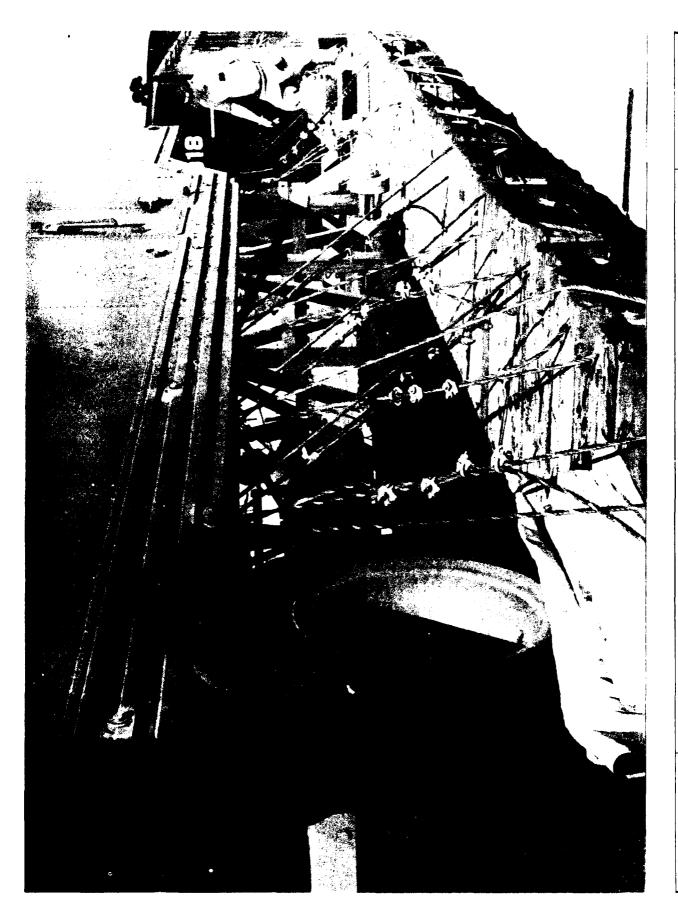
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Photo No. A0317-SPN-89-5307-2. This photo shows the M373A2 Electronic Van Semitrailer tied down for the second set of rail impact tests. The four forward tiedown cables were omitted for this test.



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Photo No. A0317-SPN-89-989-4509. This photo shows the split tiedown provisions on the M373A2 Electronic Van Semitrailer after impact. These provisions failed impact testing by cracking and partially separating.



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Photo No. A0317-SPN-89-989-4513. This photo shows eight cables to tie down the M373A2 Electronic Van Semitrailer on one side of the flatcar. There is an identical number of tie-downs on the opposite side of the trailer.